

**AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2014  
WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY**

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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Joanne Drapeau	Al Floyd	Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman
Tom Talamini	Deb Talamini	Scott Tripp	

**ABSENT:**

Alan Baker	Albert Grant	Jim Halloran	Ray Jones
Ken Francis	Sue Gaffney	Lois Noble	Dick Sullivan

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:10 PM
2. **MINUTES** of June 19, 2014: Motioned and Approved, with 2 abstentions.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Treasurer Deb Talamini reported that the budgeted account spent its \$1,500 on secretary minutes' expense, paid for sponsorships of 2 River councils and for 300 river guides. It was necessary to take \$.40 from the "savings" account to make up for the shortage after payment of the river guides, leaving that balance as \$498.36 to which will be added \$100 from additional sales of decals.
4. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** Under New Business: **5.g. Water Testing Conference**
5. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a. River Review – River conditions believed to be okay after the rains which followed the 2 clean-up days.
  - b. Water testing – Continues both in South Windsor and East Windsor.
  - c. Scantic River State Park Trail – Was used by a Windsor CT "meet-up group", consisting of 35 who had seen the trail listed for the CT Trails Day Hikes brochure. Vice Chair Tom Talamini gave them a bit of the history of our trail development and the difficulty of keeping them cleared due to the high water which moved the bridges twice making maintenance ongoing.
  - d. June/July Work Party(s) – 4 Members worked on the section from Melrose Bridge to the filter beds, then 4 worked from the filter beds to Cemetery Road, and then 5 worked from there to the Winn/Fateau's property, which is a heavily clogged section.
  - e. Cardboard Boat Race / Duck Race – June 29<sup>th</sup> event had 18 boats participating and 220 ducks purchased. The total \$462 from the boat race was immediately turned over to the 5 Corner Cupboard and the duck race profits will work to improve the BMX/Skate park. The lunch wagon was a tremendous hit. Fun was had by all.
  - f. Patch Blog / Facebook / Publicity – Member Deb Talamini is no longer blogging but is keeping FaceBook pictures up to date. She submitted article and pictures to JI and Reminder, which did publish a story by its reporter. Deb hopes to write up an article for the North Central paper.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. July/August work party – Members will try for a trip during the week to make access to / egress from the lower section of the river easier. Formal work party dates are July 26 and August 9 with confirmation and meeting information forthcoming.
  - b. SRWA – Reported that a local Scout is building a good size bridge in Enfield section of the Scantic. They had to cancel their June full moon paddle but hope to do something in September.
  - c. Park & Rec – Nothing new.

- d. Source to Sea Registration – Commission will take a poll of absent members as to whether we will participate in the event on September 26 / 27 or a different date as there are other Town events that weekend. High water this spring has made a clean-up imperative.
- e. Community Day – Commission was questioned as to whether it would be taking part in the parade with a float. Again a poll will be taken to decide that. It was definite for the members present that a table would be manned.
- f. Water Testing Monitors – Needed would be 4 workers to plant the rebar on which the new testing devices will be mounted. Dr. Kirsten Martin has chosen the sites.
- g. Water Quality Monitoring Conference – Commission members were invited to participate in the July 25<sup>th</sup> conference at Goodwin College, East Hartford from 9:30 to 3PM. Participants can brown bag it or purchase a lunch at the school cafeteria. Admission is free and open to anyone interested in this subject. Our associate member, Dr. Kirsten Martin is a presenter.
- h. Fun Paddle – Vice Chair Tom Talamini stated we need to plan a fun paddle, if not for the public but at least for the members and those who have helped to enjoy the fruit of the labors in opening and keeping the Scantic River open for paddlers.

**7. PUBLIC INPUT** – None.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:** 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman – 7/18/2014